

**Amendments to the Claims:**

Please amend the claims as shown in the Listing of Claims below. This Listing of Claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

1. (Currently Amended) A data processing apparatus for communicating with a plurality of information processing apparatuses through a network, the data processing apparatus comprising:

storing means for storing a condition for transitioning a state of supplying power of a power source unit to each device in the data processing apparatus;

requesting means for requesting each of the plurality of information processing apparatuses on the network to provide at least information about application software that is running on each of the plurality of information processing apparatuses;

examining means for examining that application software that has a specific process name is running on each of the plurality of information processing apparatuses based on the information provided from the respective information processing apparatuses through the network; and

power control means for controlling the state of supplying power of the power source unit to each device based on the result of the examination and the condition stored by the storing means.

2. (Previously Presented) A data processing apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the examining means examines the application software in accordance with user-defined parameters.

3. (Previously Presented) A data processing apparatus according to claim 2, wherein the user-defined parameters include whether the application software is active.

4. (Previously Presented) A data processing apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the examining means examines a load average of the application software, and wherein the power control means controls the power supply state based on the results of the examination of the load average.

5. (Original) A data processing apparatus according to claim 2, wherein the user-defined parameters are set on a per examination processing apparatus basis.

6. (Previously Presented) A data processing apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the power control means limits the power supply state to each device from the power supply unit to shift to a sleep mode based on the results of examination of a plurality of application software provided by the examining means.

7. (Original) A data processing apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the data processing apparatus comprises an image forming device.

8. (Currently Amended) A power control method for a data processing apparatus including, a power source unit for supplying power required to form images, for communicating with a plurality of information processing apparatuses through a network, the power control method comprising the steps of:

requesting each of the plurality of information processing apparatuses on the network to provide at least information about application software that is running on each of the plurality of information processing apparatuses;

examining that application software that has a specific process name is running on each of the plurality of information processing apparatuses based on the information provided from the respective information processing apparatuses through the network; and

controlling a state of supplying power of the power source unit to each device in the data process apparatus based on the result of the examination and a condition for transitioning the state of supplying power of the power source unit to each device.

9. (Previously Presented) A power control method according to claim 8, wherein the examining step includes examining the application software in accordance with user-defined parameters.

10. (Previously Presented) A power control method according to claim 9, wherein the user-defined parameters include whether the application software is active.

11. (Previously Presented) A power control method according to claim 8, wherein the examining step comprises examining a load average of the application software, and

wherein the power control step comprises controlling the power supply state based on the results of the examination of the load average.

12. (Original) A power control method according to claim 9, wherein the user-defined parameters are set on a per examination processing apparatus basis.

13. (Previously Presented) A power control method according to claim 8, wherein the power control step comprises limiting the power supply state to each device from the power

supply unit to shift to a sleep mode based on the results of examination of a plurality of application software provided in the examining step.

14. (Original) A power control method according to claim 8, wherein the data processing apparatus comprises an image forming device.

15. (Canceled)

16. (Currently Amended) A storage medium storing, in a computer readable form, a computer program of a data processing apparatus including, a power source unit for supplying power required to form images, for communicating with a plurality of information processing apparatuses through a network, the computer program comprising:

\_\_\_\_\_ program code for executing the steps of requesting each of the plurality of information processing apparatuses on the network to provide at least information about application software that is running on each of the plurality of information processing apparatuses;

program code for executing the steps of examining that application software that has a specific process name is running on each of the plurality of information processing apparatuses based on the information provided from the respective information processing apparatuses through the network; and

program code for controlling a state of supplying power of the power source unit to each device in the data processing apparatus based on the result of the examination and a condition for transitioning the state of supplying power of the power source unit to each device.

17-26. (Canceled)